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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office action mailed on July 11, 2007. The specification has been amended for clarity. No new matter has been added. Claims 15, 17, 19 and 25-28 have been amended. Claims 16 and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 29-38 have been added and are directed to subject matter disclosed in the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 15, 17 and 19-38 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration on the basis of the above amendments and remarks below is kindly requested.

Applicant filed a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 7, 2006. A true and accurate copy of the Amendment as filed, along with a true and accurate copy of the Express Mail Receipt confirming that the Amendment was filed by Express Mail on November 7, 2006 are enclosed herein. The Examiner did not consider the Preliminary Amendment. Consequently, Applicant has proceeded herein on the assumption that the enclosed Supplemental Preliminary Amendment has not been entered.

The Examiner objected to the abstract. The abstract has been amended to overcome this objection.

The Examiner rejected claims 15-18 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Roth, U.S. Patent No. 3,871,760. Claim 15 requires that the gripper platform and/or the spacing window is supported on at least one contact surface of the image window via at least three projections, wherein the projections define corner points of a geometric figure. Roth does not appear to disclose a gripper platform and/or spacing window which are supported on one contact surface of the image window via at least three projections, which projections define corner points of a geometric figure. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 15 as now amended is not anticipated by Roth.

Claims 17 and 21-24 are all directly or indirectly dependent from claim 15. As such, Applicant submits that claims 17 and 21-24 are also in condition for allowance over Roth as

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being dependent from an allowable claim over Roth and for the additional limitations that these claims contain therein.

The Examiner stated that claims 19, 20 and 25-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 20 is dependent from claim 19. Claims 25-28 have also been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claim. As such, Applicant submits that claims 19, 20 and 25-28 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 29-38 have been added and are directed to subject matter disclosed in the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claim 29 is directed to a film guide for a movie camera which requires that at least one of the gripper platform and the spacing window is supported on at least one contact surface of the image window via at least three projections. Roth does not appear to disclose this feature. As such, Applicant submits that claim 29 is also allowable over Roth. Claims 30-38 are all directly or indirectly dependent from claim 29. As such, Applicant submits that these claims are also in condition for allowance over Roth as being dependent from a base claim allowable over Roth and for the additional limitations that these claims contain therein.

The rejections to all claims pending in this application are believed to have been overcome and this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns about the allowability of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss them.

Respectfully submitted,
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